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Norway Arrests Official On Charges of Spying

OSLO, Jan. 21 (Reuters) — A Norwegian Foreign Ministry official was arrested Friday on charges of spying, the Attorney General said today.

The official, Arne Treholt, 41 years old, was detained at Fornebu Airport here on his way to a meeting abroad with the Soviet K.G.B., Attorney General Magnar Flornes said in a statement.

He said Mr. Treholt had admitted having several meetings with K.G.B. officials abroad and giving them classified documents. Mr. Treholt had classified documents with him when he was arrested, Mr. Flornes said.

Mr. Treholt was recently appointed head of a section in the information department and was in charge of press arrangements for the visit by Secretary of State George P. Shultz on Thursday.

He served with the Norwegian Mission at the United Nations and attended the Norwegian Defense College until last spring. He was also involved in negotiating an agreement on fisheries inspection in the Barents Sea in 1977.